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1. Reference B describes a method of transmitting information to a plurality of destinations having different transmission methods. However, there is no disclosure on managing this method by associating the transmissions to a same identifier.
2. In References C and D, although a method of transmitting to a plurality of destinations is described, the methods to transmit to the plurality of destinations are the same. Thus, these disclosures differ from the present invention in which transmission to a plurality of destinations having different transmission methods are managed by associating the transmissions to a same identifier.

3. Reference F relates to inputting destination information to an input screen for an electronic mail, a facsimile, etc., and is not related to the present invention.

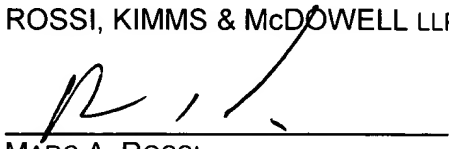
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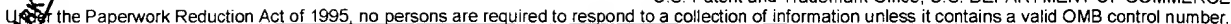
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